

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application for)
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U.S. Patent No. 6,016,028 issued January 18, 2000)
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Inventors: YUKINOBU IGUCHI ET AL.)
) Attn: Applications Branch
Reissue No. (Unassigned))
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Title: GLASS BULB FOR COLOR PICTURE)
 TUBE AND THE SAME TUBE)

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTORS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.
2. I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,016,028, granted January 18, 2000, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled "GLASS BULB FOR COLOR PICTURE TUBE AND THE SAME TUBE," the specification and claims of which are attached hereto.
3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment being filed herewith.
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

5. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Japanese Patent Application No. P08-241364 filed on August 23, 1996. I further state that no foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate were filed having a filing date before that of the above-identified application on which priority is claimed.

6. I verily believe the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of a defective specification, and by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

7. At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: Claims 1 to 4, 6, 7 and 9 of the '028 patent each recites the phrase "color selection mechanism." The description of the invention in the specification does not include the phrase "color selection mechanism." Instead, the specification describes a "color selection mask 20." As a result, the specification may be defective under 35 U.S.C. 112 and/or 37 C.F.R. 1.75(d) for failing to provide antecedent basis for each term or phrase used in the claims, which may render the patent at least partly inoperative or invalid. The specification should be amended in the paragraph starting at column 4, line 17, as shown in the Preliminary Amendment accompanying this reissue application, to correct this error.

8. Another error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: Claims 6 and 9 of the '028 patent recite, among other things, that the color selection mechanism is formed of a plurality of "fine metal leads." The description of the invention in the specification does not include the phrase "fine metal leads." As a result, the specification may be defective under 35

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U.S.C. 112 and/or 37 C.F.R. 1.75(d) for failing to provide antecedent basis for each term or phrase used in the claims, which may render the patent at least partly inoperative or invalid. The specification should be amended in the paragraph starting at column 4, line 62, as shown in the Preliminary Amendment accompanying this reissue application, to correct this error.

9. Another error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: The claims in the '028 patent are narrower than what was required to patentably distinguish the Applicants' invention from the prior art. Specifically, the limitation of "a peripheral area in the horizontal direction of the effective display area of the face plate is thicker than a center of the effective display area," as recited in claim 1, was not necessary to distinguish the Applicants' invention from the prior art. As a result, the Applicants claimed less than they had a right to claim in the '028 patent. To correct this and other perceived errors in the claims, new claims 10 to 16 have been added to claim additional subject matter to which the Applicants are believed to be entitled. Claims 10 to 16 are broader in some aspects, and narrower in some aspects, as compared to the issued claims 1 to 9 of the '028 patent.

10. This reissue application also includes certain amendments to correct typographical and grammatical errors of a minor nature in the '028 patent. These amendments include: in column 4, line 58, "refere" has been changed to --refer--; and in the third line of each of claims 6 and 9, "metal fine leads" has been changed to --fine metal leads--.

11. All errors which are being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE AND
OFFER TO SURRENDER PATENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent issued to Yukinobu Iguchi et al. on January 18, 2000, as U.S. Patent No. 6,016,028, for an invention titled "GLASS BULB FOR COLOR PICTURE TUBE AND THE SAME TUBE."

Sony Corporation of Tokyo, Japan, is the assignee of the entire interest in the original patent. A certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is attached.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, and hereby offers to surrender the original patent.

The undersigned, on behalf of the assignee, also consents to the filing of the present application for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,016,028.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Sony Corporation, a corporation of Tokyo, Japan, states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,016,028, which issued on January 18, 2000, for an invention titled "GLASS BULB FOR COLOR PICTURE TUBE AND THE SAME TUBE."

Sony Corporation is the assignee of said patent by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent, which was recorded in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office at Reel 8927, Frame 0141. A copy of the assignment is attached.

The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

SONY CORPORATION

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Ronald P. Kananen
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, as a below named inventor, residing at the address stated next to my name, am a sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of certain new and useful improvements in
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for which application for Letters Patent of the United States of America was executed by me on the date indicated next to my name and address;

AND WHEREAS, Sony Corporation, a Japanese corporation with offices at 7-35 Kitashinagawa 6-Chome, Shinagawa-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring all interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, as a sole or joint inventor as indicated below, by these presents do hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in the said invention, said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said invention, and in and to any and all priority rights and/or convention rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and to any other benefits accruing or to accrue to me with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said United States Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE, as the assignee of the whole right, title and interest thereto;

And I further agree to execute all necessary or desirable and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of ASSIGNEE or its designee, as ASSIGNEE or its successors, assigns and legal representatives may from time-to-time present to me and without further remuneration, in order to perfect title in said invention, modifications, and improvements in said invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto;

And I further agree to properly execute and deliver and without further remuneration, such necessary or desirable and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing subdivisions of said application for patent, and or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for my aforesaid invention, as the ASSIGNEE thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense;

And I further agree that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents in foreign countries as may be known and accessible to me and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto;

And I hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

And I hereby authorize and request my attorney(s) of record in this application to insert the serial number and filing date of this application in the spaces that follow: Serial Number: 08/914,118, Filing Date: 08/19/97.

This assignment executed on the dates indicated below.

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